



**Needs Assessment Committee
Minutes
June 11, 2009
8:30 a.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 2009

**Shelby County Administration Building
4th Floor Conference Room**

Committee members present:

Nisha Powers, Chairman	Steve Nelson
Jay Weatherington, Secretary	Commissioner Mike Ritz
Cato Johnson, Vice Chairman	Commissioner Sidney Chism
Scott Fleming, Vice Chairman	
Aubrey Howard	

Committee members absent:

David Pickler, SCS Chairman
Tomeka Hart, MCS President

Others Present:

Carolyn Staskiewicz, DeJong	Tom Moss
Grace Hutchinson	John Zeanah, MCS
Maura Sullivan	Richard Holden, SCS
Paula Lewis	Denise Sharp, MCS
Chris Lurry, MCS	Dr. Irving Hamer, MCS
Craig Willis, Asst. Co. Atty.	Ethele Hilliard
Brian Shipp, MCS	Susan Roakes

The meeting was called to order at 8:40.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 7, 2009 meeting by Jay Weatherington.
Second by Commissioner Chism.

Action: Motion carried.

Chairman Powers recognized Carolyn Staskiewicz, DeJong, Inc. to present the 2009 Mid-Term report. The mid-term report includes projects previously approved by the NAC including the 2008 annual plan and recommended projects for both MCS and SCS that were presented to the County Commission on March 11, 2009. Also included are the recommendations to the County Commission for capital funding for FY2010.

Commissioner Ritz asked for clarification of capacity of the additions and new schools. It was decided that a footnote should be made in the report to show that no additional capacity is included in these projects and would clarify that the additions are to replace portables.

Same with MCS – Kate Bond Middle School's capacity is 1200 students and the NE region high school will accommodate 1200. The Ross Rd. addition of 20 classrooms will eliminate 16 portables and add an extra capacity of 80 thereby eliminating some portables at other schools nearby.

The question was asked if there would be any under utilized schools closed. MCS has determined that there was an increase in the birthrate from 2004-2008. It would be difficult to close any schools in the southeast but they are looking at schools in the southwest area that could be repurposed which are currently under capacity.

There is \$14m budgeted for deferred maintenance for FY2010. Due to prioritizing of projects and only receiving a certain amount of funding, the deferred maintenance will not be funded in 2010. MCS does have an account for deferred maintenance that is being spent on about 60 projects at this time. The deferred maintenance cost is approximately \$15-\$20m per year. By June 30, 2010 the deferred maintenance projects that are going on now will be completed at approximately \$60m.

Commissioner Ritz stated that there is no rush to get this before the County Commission at this time. The County Commission can opt to amend the CIP budget at any time to include schools – whenever the NAC is ready to proceed. Both Commissioners suggested that the DeJong Mid-Term Report be given to the County Commission with additional information added as to what the NAC recommendations are.

Commissioner Chism stated that we ultimately need to get to the place that we eliminate the schools that are not up to par and fund the remaining schools at the level that is necessary.

Next Item of business – Election of Committee Leadership

Motion: Commissioner Chism nominated a slate of candidates for the following positions:

Aubrey Howard, Chairman

Cato Johnson, Vice Chairman

Scott Fleming, Vice Chairman

Jay Weatherington, Secretary

Nisha Powers, Remain on Executive Committee as past Chairman

Second by Commissioner Ritz.

Action: Motion carried.

The next meeting of the NAC will be on September 10, 2009 at 8:30 and the school systems will present their 5 year plans.

Motion: Motion to adjourn by Scott Fleming. Second by Jay Weatherington.

Action: Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Jay Weatherington, Secretary

Date